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America the beautiful, God shed His grace on thee,

and crowned thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

Brotherhood, for all men. It knows no color, nor wealth.

What are we doing to our flag?

### TESTIMONIAL FOR LEONARDI

On June 29 at 6:30 p.m. a farewell tribute will be paid to Coach Leonardi in the form of a testimonial banquet to be held at the National Guard Armory, Chairman of the affair, Victor Moreno, announced that tickets for the affair are available from the following committee members: Mrs. Michael Piccin, co-chairman; Selectman Edward Connolly, Ray Saracino, Clifford Kibbe, Mrs. Philip DeForge, Mrs. Victor Moreno and Mrs. William Gazillo.

Mr. Moreno asks that anyone planning to attend purchase their ticket early as there will only be a limited number available. An interesting program has been planned for the evening with Nicholas Nicoli, head coach at Bridgeport University slated to be the main speaker.

### TRADING POST FINAL EVENT

The Trading Post at First Baptist Church, Agawam Center, will hold its Annual Clearing Sale, to dispose of all articles left on its racks and shelves, on Wednesday, June 19th, at its usual hours - 10 to 4 during the day, and from 7 to 9 in the evening. Many worth-while articles are still available in various sizes, and an assortment of odds and ends of jewelry and household articles may still be picked up.

Following this sale, the Trading Post will close for the summer months to open sometime in September, the time to be announced later.

The women volunteers who have faithfully run service for more than eleven years, wish to thank all friends whose patronage has helped to make it such a success.

### '63 CLASS REUNION

The Agawam High School 1963 graduating class will be having its first class reunion on June 15 at St. Anne's Country Club, Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the smorgasbord table will be set at 7:00 p.m. A memorable evening of reminiscing, dancing, and meeting old friends and their spouses has been planned. The Reunion Committee was unable to contact five classmates, but urges all other classmates who have not as yet returned the questionnaire to please send it to Nancy John-

### FLAG DAY JUNE 14

Old Glory, The Star-Spangled Banner, The Stars and Stripes - your country's flag.

Fly it every day, if you wish, but be sure to fly it Friday, June 14. That's Flag Day.

It was on June 14, 1777, that the Continental Congress passed this resolution:

"Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

No one knows who designed this flag, or who made the first one. William J. Canby said in 1870 that his grandmother, Betsy Ross, made the first one, but historians doubt it.

The Continental Congress left no record to show why it chose red, white and blue for the flag, but in 1782 the Congress of the Confederation chose these same colors for the newly designed Great Seal of the United States.

The resolution on the seal said red is for hardiness and courage, white is for purity and innocence, and blue is for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

And the flag itself?

The Stars and Stripes stands for the land, the people, the government, and the ideals of the United States, no matter when or where it is displayed.

Fly it proudly.

### UNIT FOOD SALE

The Scholarship Fund of Wilson-Thompson Unit 185, American Legion Auxiliary, used each year to benefit some worthy graduate of Agawam High School, will be replenished in part by a Food Sale to be held at Zayres on Saturday, June 15th, beginning at 10 a.m.

Members are requested to bake, and if possible, bring in home made foods: cakes, pies, bread, cookies, salads, beans, etc, and if possible give some time to assist at the booth. Food will be picked up if necessary, by calling Mary Crawford, Adele Gallano, Wilma Gillan, Jane Whalen, or any member of the committee.

son. It is not too late to still buy tickets to go! We would like to hear from everyone!

The Reunion Committee consists of Don Charest, Ray Danton, Martha Pilkington, Jim Grady, Danny Romanko, Walter Willard, and Bill Oliver. The Co-Chairmen are Nancy Johnson and Janet (DeMont) Myllymaki.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CHRONOLOGY

June is the month for brides. But what about the lady who was a bride last June, or many Junes ago?

For that lady, a present is in order. Perhaps just from her husband, perhaps from her children, and perhaps - particularly on a 10th, 25th, or 50th anniversary - from all her friends and relations.

We all know that silver is proper for a 25th wedding anniversary and gold for a 50th anniversary. But what of other years?

There are several lists, and they differ on a few particulars. Here is World Book Encyclopedia's list, which has been expanded to include new products on the market.

1st anniversary: Paper, plastics.

2nd: Cotton.

3rd: Leather, or any leather-like article.

4th: Linen, silk, rayon, nylon, or other synthetic silks.

5th: Wood and decorative accessories for the home.

6th: Iron.

7th: Wool, copper, or brass.

8th: Bronze, or electrical appliances.

9th: Pottery, china, glass, or crystal.

10th: Tin, or aluminum.

11th: Steel.

12th: Linen, silk, or nylon.

13th: Lace.

14th: Ivory, or agate.

15th: Crystal, or glass.

20th: China, or occasional furniture.

25th: Silver.

30th: Pearls, or personal gifts.

35th: Coral, or jade.

40th: Rubies, or garnets.

45th: Sapphires, or tourmalines.

50th: Gold.

55th: Emeralds, or turquoise.

60th: Diamonds, or gold.

75th: Diamonds, or gold.

Congress has authorized the U.S. flag to be flown day and night at the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia; the green at Lexington, Mass.; Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Md.; and the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va.

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### Justice For All?

The following taken out of context, from a conversation between Congressmen Quie, Minnesota, and Silvio Conte, Mass.

CONTE: You know, Congressman Quie, we have a great problem of hunger and starvation in this country, despite the fact that we are the richest nation in the world, and the richest and most productive society in the history of Man. I'm sure you saw the CBS "Hunger in the U.S.A." program which stirred tremendous interest all over the country in its portrayal of the problems of hunger and starvation. Congress received a great deal of mail as a result of this program. The program made some serious charges against the Department of Agriculture concerning our food programs. You're quite an expert in this area, and I'd like to get your views on this situation, Congressman Quie, and on the charges against the Department of Agriculture.

QUIE: Well, Congressman Conte, I think the charges are quite valid. Naturally, CBS's program took the most extreme cases they could find. That way you dramatize the situation, but studies that have been made indicate that there is hunger in America and people do suffer from malnutrition for various reasons. Yet, the Department of Agriculture turned back \$220 million this last year that they could have used in the commodity distribution program to feed hungry people.

CONTE: \$220 million out of how much?

QUIE: They could have used an additional \$300 million in the revolving fund and they spent about that much more for the various programs. Besides that, we have the food stamp program, the school lunch program, under the Child Nutrition Act, and last year, I offered an amendment to the poverty bill, the Economic Opportunity Act, for an emergency food and medical service program, so that the people who fell through the cracks of these other programs could be reached directly. \$10 million was set aside of the appropriation for poverty for that purpose. To show you how callous some of the people have been who administer this program, one of the moves they've made which has now been rescinded, I understand, was to take \$300,000 of that emergency food money and use it to pay dairy farmers an indemnity when they found pesticide in the milk. Now, I don't think any of those dairy farmers would want to take money from hungry people in order for them to receive an indemnity. What we're going to do now is to study this legislation and to try to make any correction that is necessary and put the pressure on the Department of Agriculture to feed the hungry people for which they have the money to do.

CONTE: Well, Congressman Quie, last week you and I met with Rev. Abernathy and discussed some of these problems and I came away with the feeling that the general consensus of opinion there that day was that really, there isn't any need for legislation in regard to food, and Secretary Freeman could parcel out food at the present time under existing law.

QUIE: Oh, yes, he certainly could, and he could use different methods than he's using today as well. We could make the task easier by some amendments, but really, there's no substitute legislation that is necessary. We're going to pass this year, I hope, a new presidential commission, which would have equal impact as the Kerner Commission - the Riot Commission.

CONTE: Is this a Commission on Hunger?

QUIE: Yes, a Commission on Hunger, and we were hopeful that this would then point out who the hungry people are and where they are so that we can get the food to them. But right now, with all the work that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare,

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**Justice For All?**

and the Department of Agriculture have done, they should have identified them by now and provided the food. This is what we intended when we passed the legislation and when we provided the money to do it.

CONTE: I heard Congressman, I believe Martin of Nebraska, state on the floor of the House, that they're parcelling out food in Nebraska to college students going to college, and this is quite a racket out there. This riles me and it riles me when people in Mississippi and Georgia and Alabama and some of the poorer states are going to bed hungry every night.

QUIE: That's right. Another one of the things that's wrong with programs run directly out of Washington, you see, in the food stamp program, the USDA sets the rules which the local people must then abide by. Under the standards, if a person has an income of a certain level, as many married college students have, they're eligible for food stamps, and they don't ask any other questions. When we passed the legislation, we intended it to be administered locally and you took the amount that people were spending for food and then added to that the amount necessary to achieve an adequate minimum nutritional diet. But the way USDA operates this, and which allows college students to receive the money, is to give the poorest people the least amount of food. In the southern states, a person who has little income only gets about half his food needs. I asked the Secretary of Agriculture why that was because if you only receive half your food needs, you will remain malnourished and become more malnourished. He said, well he was afraid that, in effect, if they don't keep them hungry they'll start bootlegging the stamps.

**Don't Dive into Trouble**

What could be more inviting than a cool blue lake in the midst of a hot humid Summer day? Very little, indeed, for water sports are some of the greatest summer pleasures known to man. There's something for everyone: the surfer, the wader, the diver, the casual swimmer, the boatsman, and even the person who just plain likes to loll about!

Water offers fun galore but it also holds certain dangers of which few people are aware. The Hearing Aid Industry Conference offers the following suggestions to avoid troubles which could impair hearing:

- Use correct diving form to prevent damage to the ear drum which could lead to a hearing loss.
- Do not let ocean breakers hit the ear... this could damage the ear drum.

age the ear drum.

c.) Do not swim in polluted waters. Polluted waters can cause an infection that could bring on a temporary or permanent hearing loss.

H.A.I.C. urges all swimmers to remember these simple tips and use every safety precaution, including ear plugs and/or bathing caps. Swimmers are also urged to bring any hearing problems, no matter how small, to the attention of a medical ear specialist immediately.

Once a hearing loss has been detected, it can be corrected, or compensated for through medical or surgical treatment or the use of a modern hearing aid. The first step, getting a hearing test once a hearing loss is suspected, is the urgent action required to get the correction underway.

The Annual Chicken Barbecue sponsored by the Agawam YMCA is again being planned for Saturday June 15th at 2:00-6:00 on the "Y" grounds at 108 Perry Lane. Nick Zucco, a member of the Agawam YMCA Board is the Chef of this annual event. Tickets are on sale by the Board Members and at the "Y" office also will be sold on the day of the Barbecue.

**Agawam YMCA Activities**

The outdoor pool is now open on week ends from 1:00-8:00 p.m. for members and guests. Beginning on June 24th the pool will be open full time Monday thru Sunday.

The Aquatic Staff this year is made up of Wayne Kaler a graduate student at Springfield College, Mr. Kaler is the Director of the pool. He will be assisted by Mr. Dale Roberts of Agawam. Mark Furnans will be the full time lifeguard. Registrations for memberships are now being taken, for further information call 733-9676.

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Mr. Waniewski who lives at 417 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, graduated from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont, with a Bachelor degree in Business Administration. He is now associated with the stockbroker firm of Hornblower & Weeks - Hemphill Noyes.

**CAROL ANN BARTOLUCCI**

Miss Bartolucci, who lives at 35 Harvey Johnson Drive graduated from Westfield State College. She majored in History, and will teach at Agawam High School.

**WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Agawam residents who have received their degrees from W.N.E.C. are, Clayton F. Harrington, Sr. (Bachelor of Business Administration) of 420 Main St.; Leonard C. Wright (Master of Business Administration) of 165 Regency Park.; Victor D. Govoni (LL.B.) of 3 Alfred Circle; Albert J. Bonavita (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) of 659 Cooper St.; Robert F. Brewer (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) of 105 Meadowbrook Road; George Sumner Gaunt (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) of 28 Doane Ave.; and Paul J. Oliver (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) of 129 South St.

**CLAYTON F. HARRINGTON****LEONARD CORLISS WRIGHT**

Mr. Wright graduated with a master's degree in Business Administration from WNEC. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management at Lowell Technological Institute in 1966.

Sandra Adnoff Wein, of 98 Monroe St., graduated from Clark University, B.A.

Richard R. Rondeau graduated a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Philosophy, from University of Kansas.

**ROBERT F. BREWER****TRESTLE BOARD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

At its annual ladies night strawberry supper held at the Agawam Congregational Church recently, Judith Wills and Dewayne Raynor were the two recipients of the Trestle Board Scholarships this year. Miss Wills will matriculate at Northampton Commercial College and Mr. Raynor will enter Holyoke Community College this fall. Each received \$100.

The Trestle Board is an organization of men who live in Agawam and who are active members belonging to various Masonic Orders throughout the Connecticut Valley Area.

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**CURRAN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Recipients of the 1968 P. Joseph Curran Memorial Scholarship Awards were announced today by the fund's administrators.

Candace J. Childs, daughter of Mrs. Barbara D. Childs and the late Douglas C. Childs, of 124 Laurel Road, West Springfield, and Susan A. Doyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Doyle, of 171 Florida Drive, Agawam, will receive awards totaling \$400.00.

The fund was established in honor of the late Mr. P. Joseph Curran who was president of Curran-Jones Funeral Home.

Miss Childs, graduating from West Springfield High School, plans to pursue a career of nursing and has enrolled at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsfield. During high school she was a member of the Drama Club, Ski Club and Girls' Basketball Team, and served on the Junior Executive Council and numerous committees.

Miss Doyle plans to enter Westfield State College and will major in Elementary Education. She has been an active student at Agawam High School as a member of Future Teachers' Association, French Club, Math Club, Personality Club, International Relations Club, as well as Library Staff and Yearbook Staff.

**ST. ANTHONY GRADS CELEBRATION**

St. Anthony Society, Inc., to honor Scholarship Recipients at the 34th Annual Feast Day Celebration Banquet at 646 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass., on Saturday evening, June 15, 1968 at 7:00 P.M. Chairman of the Scholarship committee, Jack Chriscola has announced that GERALD A. ALFANO, son of Alphonse G. and Elvina (Innace) Alfano, of 33 Suffield Street, Agawam, Mass. and JOHN E. SULLIVAN, son of John and Alice (Fertini) Sullivan of 55 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, Mass. will receive awards.

General Chairman, Mario Dipico, Ticket Chairman, Nick DePalo, Food Chairman Mrs. Nickolas DePalo.

Tickets may be obtained from any committee members, Anthony Buoniconti, Anthony DiDonato and Paul D'Amato.

Varsity Golf Team for three years and a member of the Varsity Club.

He has been accepted for graduate studies in mathematics at the University of Massachusetts and has been awarded a fellowship in the mathematics department.







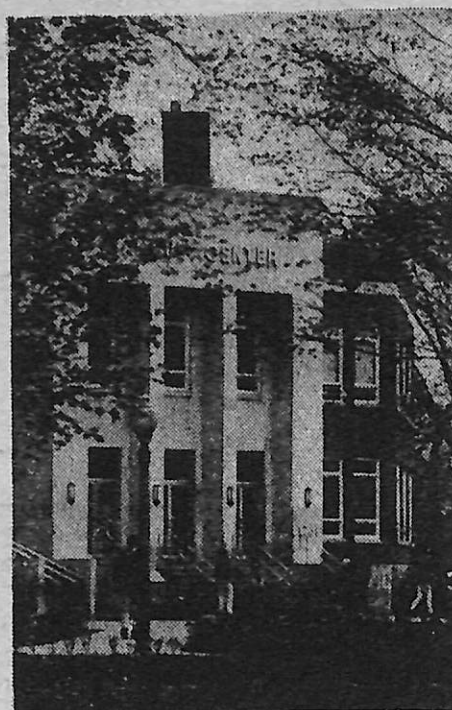
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